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TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
For Hearing on Wednesday, April 1, 2015
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 308

By

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**Senate Bill Nos. 1076 SD1 HD1; 1077 SD1 HD1; 1078 SD1 HD1; 1079 SD1 HD1;
1080 SD1 HD1; 1081 SD1 HD1; 1082 SD1 HD1; 1083 SD1 HD1; and 1084 SD1 HD1
Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items**

(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

CHAIRPERSON LUKE, VICE CHAIR NISHIMOTO AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

These bills provide fund authorizations and appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for bargaining units (14), (2), (3), (4), (5), (10), (11), (8) and (9) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the respective bargaining unit representatives for fiscal biennium 2015 – 2017.

The Office of Collective Bargaining (OCB) is **IN SUPPORT** of these bills.

OCB is in favor of these bills continuing to proceed through the legislative process to ensure adequate funding of negotiated cost items.

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1082, S.D. 1, H.D. 1

April 1, 2015

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS

This administration proposal is a vehicle bill to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees represented by the Hawaii Firefighters Association belonging to Bargaining Unit 11 (firefighters) and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17.

Although this unit currently has a contract in place through June 30, 2017, the Department of Budget and Finance supports moving this measure, or a similar one, as the contract has re-opener provisions and a vehicle bill will be necessary should an agreement be reached prior to the end of the legislative session.



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Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

S.B. No. 1082, H.D. 1 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COST ITEMS (BU 11)

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. The HFFA represents approximately 2,100 active-duty professional fire fighters throughout the State which includes more than 165 Airport Rescue Fire Fighters. HFFA supports S.B. No. 1082, H.D. 1, Making Appropriations for Collective Bargaining Cost Items for Unit 11 – Fire Fighters.

The 2011-2017 Bargaining Unit 11 Collective Bargaining Agreement includes the provision that four (4) sections may be reopened and on February 27, 2015, HFFA transmitted such proposals, two of which could have possible fiscal impact. In the event an agreement is reached on those sections, we will provide the information to the Legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.